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In response to the election requirement dated April 21, 2005, Applicants elect the species identified in the Official Action as the first embodiment disclosed in pages 6-12 of the specification, for further examination on the merits. Applicants identify Claims 1, 2, 5 and 7-10 as readable on the elected species. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the non-elected species.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Claims 1, 2, 5 and 7-10 is in order and is respectfully requested.

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